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Cooperative Deal Assures Phones For Cameron Area

Those Wishing Service Asked To Let United Know

The Cameron area, which over the past few years has made many appeals for telephone service, will have it within a few weeks, it was learned from the United Telephone Co. (formerly Central Carolina) this week.

Letters have been sent out to 118 potential subscribers in and around Cameron, along US Highway 1 from Cameron to Vass, and in the White Hill section, asking that they indicate at once if they are going to want service. They are asked also to state if they want it as soon as the lines are strung, or if they prefer to wait till tobacco market time. This foreknowledge will be of importance in locating the spur lines when the installation is being made, the company said.

The area will be served out of the Vass switchboard, with only multi-party lines available at this time.

The work has been pending for months—actually, for a year or two—while efforts were made to complete easements for poles along the right of way. Several hitches developed, and the company started afresh, this time working out a cooperative deal with the Carolina Power & Light Co. This was completed last week. The lines will be strung on CP&L poles, and the power company will replace a number of poles which are too short to carry both the light and telephone lines, and still provide the necessary clearance. As soon as the taller poles are installed, and the response from the letters has been ascertained, the work will start.

The Cameron Lions club has promoted the project in its community as a civic service, and the 118 names are from a list submitted by the club as potential subscribers. Of these, 73 persons are reported to have said definitely they want telephones.

Extending the service from Vass to Cameron will cost the company approximately \$9,000, it was learned. It will add considerably to the cost to keep on adding circuits later, and United is asking that all who will want service within the next few months, even if they don't want it to begin right away, let them know now.

July 4 Will Be General Holiday

Practically all local businesses plan to observe a full holiday July 4, with the regular Wednesday afternoon closings both next week and the week after, according to information gathered by The Pilot.

This is the recommendation of the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce through its better business bureau, headed by Miss Katherine McDonald.

For a time there was some question about what the grocery stores would do. Since the holiday falls on a Saturday, their busiest day of the week, some store managers said at first they might stay open Saturday, closing Monday instead. However, following conferences with each other, in consideration for their employees the Saturday closing was decided on by all the stores, with one exception.

Other stores, firms and offices will also shut down for the day, giving owners, managers and employees alike a long holiday weekend. Exceptions will be such businesses as restaurants and service stations, closing of which would constitute a hardship for the traveling public.

Many local citizens are expected to take advantage of the holiday weekend to go to the beaches, the mountains or fishing lakes, or to spend Saturday at the countywide July 4 celebration at Carthage.



AN INVITING SPOT—the Frank de Costas' home-built swimming pool. When this picture was made Sunday afternoon the owners weren't visible—they were playing a tennis match with a team from Chapel Hill. In the pool, happily dunking, we found the Stanley Austin family.

That's Stanley and Georgeanne, with baby Sally; in wading pool, Don Thompson, with Becky Austin. Don is the uncle of Sally and Becky. For more about the pool, and other pictures, see Page 8. (Pilot Staff Photo)

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Southern Pines Little Lions continued their unbroken victory streak in their third game of the Little League series Monday. They defeated Robbins 4-3 on the home field.

Wednesday, the return game at Robbins was rained out, re-scheduled Thursday (too late for this issue).

Next home game will be with Carthage Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. The county seat lads defeated Pinehurst 22-0 Monday. Rained out Wednesday.

Young Mother Of Five Crushed To Death By Tractor

A young mother of five children was fatally injured last Friday when a tractor she was operating on the home farm in the Needhams Grove community, in upper Moore, overturned.

Mrs. Alton Needham, 31, was driving the tractor for her husband, who was operating the scraper for the opening up of a drainage ditch. As her husband watched horrified, the tractor upset, throwing her off and crushing her beneath its weight.

He took her at once to Dr. Vanore's clinic in Robbins, but she was pronounced dead on arrival, of a crushed chest and other injuries. Coroner Ralph Steed ruled the death accidental, with no inquest necessary.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Needhams Grove church, conducted by the Rev. Martin L. Fogleman, with burial following in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters, Ina and Wanda, and three sons, Darrell, Donnie and Doyle, of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Comer of Ether Rt. 1; seven sisters, Mrs. Ollie Williamson, Mrs. Fred Yow and Miss Betty Comer of Ether Rt. 1; Mrs. Clarence Cavness, Mrs. Colon Kennedy and Mrs. J. B. Ritter of Robbins Rt. 1, and Mrs. Jack Upton of Asheboro; five brothers, Tracy, Bill, Arnold and Carroll Comer, all of Ether Rt. 1, and Ted Comer, of Robbins Rt. 1.

FINE GOING!

Members of the Vass Lions club, sponsors for the second year of the annual Maternal Welfare Tag Day in Vass, reached into their pockets at last week's meeting and pulled out \$18 to add to the \$22.50 already collected, upping the total to \$40.50.

This brings Vass to fifth highest position in the county in this drive, with two of the four leaders being less than \$3 ahead.

Great Scottish Lady, Chieftain of MacLeods, Will Visit Moore

Scott Addresses West End Lions At Dinner Meeting

Speaking at the eighth anniversary celebration of the West End Lions club last Thursday evening, former Governor W. Kerr Scott said that he considered "making it possible for the rural churches to be active 12 months during the year" the outstanding accomplishment of his administration as governor.

"What we need most is Christian leadership," he said as he pointed out that "78 per cent of our church membership belong to rural churches." With the good road program in the rural communities he said that the "rural church has come into its own more than ever."

He said that some had called him a "spendthrift," but that when he went into office as governor that the State had a surplus of \$13 million and that with all the schools, roads and hospitals that were built during his administration, there was a surplus of \$43 million when he went out of office.

The plain-speaking former governor voiced no criticism toward the Umstead administration but commended it for its attention to the primary road system. "I think the present administration is doing right in giving attention to the primary roads," he said.

"We got a lot of things done which I think benefited all the people. If I did any one thing, it was needing the people into doing things," Scott told the group, as he referred to telephones and power for the rural people, as well as his criticism of civic clubs. "I think the Lions clubs are doing more than any other civic clubs," he said, adding that the Ruritans were a young organization but seemed to be serving well.

"We are turning things back to private industry and that is what we should do," he added that "we ought to be careful and preserve those good things that helped us during the past 20 years."

In North Carolina the "biggest single thing that we are wasting is our water power," he said, adding, "We neglect it and we waste it." In advocating the harnessing of water resources Scott said, "There is no question but that we need to get flood control on the Cape Fear river.

"We have got to preserve our water supply. Anything that is here ought not to be wasted. I have never believed in wasting anything in my life."

Continuing about water, he told the group that, "It pays to irri-

Lady Flora MacLeod Will Speak At Old Bethesda Homecoming

The word will soon go out to all the MacLeods, or McLeods, or however you spell them, to don the plaid, for the Chieftain of their clan is coming to see them.

Lady Flora MacLeod, of Dunvegan Castle, Scotland, one of the great ladies and humanitarians of the United Kingdom, will visit the Sandhills to meet with the descendants of the Scottish pioneers—especially the MacLeods (or McLeods).

J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, chairman for some 25 years of the annual Homecoming Day at Old Bethesda church, said he has received word from Lady Flora that she will attend the homecoming as a special guest and speaker on its traditional day, the last Sunday in September. She asked him also to arrange a meeting of MacLeods (McLeods) at Flora MacLeod college, with a view toward organizing the clan in the Sandhills.

Two local Scots, pioneer-descendants, have visited Lady Flora in her historic castle and extended her a warm invitation to come. These were Mr. Johnson, president of the Moore County Bar and past president of the Moore County Historical association, and Edwin T. McKeithen, former administrator of the Moore County hospital, both of whom made trips abroad in the past year or two.

They describe Lady Flora as a "lady and a scholar," a vigorous and forceful personality despite her 74 years, and a speaker of charm and wit.

She became 29th chieftain of the Clan MacLeod when, for the first time in 1,000 years, the male line of descent failed. Her late husband was the publisher of the London Times, and she is a close friend of Sir Winston Churchill and other "greats" of the realm. She became a Dame of the British Empire by appointment of Queen Elizabeth II at the recent coronation.

Among many projects which fill her life, the one to which she is said to be most devoted is that of maintaining the unity and strength of the Clan MacLeod. She has organized the Clan in Canada and elsewhere and was shocked to find there was no such organization in North Carolina, despite the fact that there are many descendants of the historic family here. She is coming to attend to that matter personally, having drastically rearranged the itinerary of her U. S. trip to do so, and all MacLeods (or McLeods), native and strayed, are urged to make their plans now to be present, Mr. Johnson said.

Fire Chief Fowler Elected President Sandhills Group

Wadesboro Dep't Host To Volunteers In Annual Meeting

Harold B. Fowler, chief of the Southern Pines volunteer fire department, last week was elected president of the Sandhills Firemen's association, comprising a membership of 42 volunteer fire departments in central Carolina.

Mr. Fowler was elevated to the top spot from the vice presidency at the association's annual convention, held at Wadesboro last Wednesday.

The election returned the presidency to Southern Pines for the first time since the association was formed in 1926. The late D. D. "Dunc" Cameron, who was active in its organization, served as first president.

One of the quarterly meetings slated before the next annual convention will be held in Southern Pines, President Fowler said this week.

Other officers elected were John C. Wallace of Troy, vice president, and R. E. Leatherbury, Hamlet, secretary-treasurer (a reelection).

Sandhills Delegation

Representing the Southern Pines department at the convention were Mr. Fowler, Resident Fireman Frank H. Kaylor and Mrs. Kaylor, Joe Garzik, C. T. Dunn, Jr., and G. R. Currie. Other Sandhills departments among some 30 in attendance were Pine-

Local Lassies Will Seek Beauty Title In Carthage Event

At least two local young ladies will be entered as candidates in the beauty contest at the July Fourth celebration at Carthage next Saturday. These are Miss Patsy Dupree, sponsored by the Southern Pines Chamber of Commerce, and Miss Johnnie Ferguson, by Ferguson's Sandwich Shop.

Others may have sponsors by the contest date. Southern Pines has had several beauty winners in the past, the last one being Miss Suzann Burns in 1951. The 1952 beauty queen was Miss Sylvia Davis of Carthage, who will crown the new winner at the Grand Ball in the evening.

The day will start with a band concert and speech by Congressman C. B. Deane at 9 a. m., followed by an all-day program of street events, beauty contest, parade, baseball game, stringed concert and ball. Several thousand annually attend the countywide celebration, sponsored by the Carthage Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Everett Walker, City Inspector, Passes Suddenly

Everett V. Walker, 69, Southern Pines building inspector, died suddenly at his home, 210 South Bennett street, following a heart attack Wednesday night.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at Hackensack, N. J., with burial in New York cemetery there.

He was born in Arcola, N. J., September 8, 1883, the son of Samuel and Emily Vorrhis Walker and was educated in Hackensack. He was an architectural engineer.

He was associated for many years as an engineer with the National Fireproofing Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. On his retirement in 1948, he and his wife moved to Southern Pines. He was appointed city building inspector in October 1950.

He was a member of the Church of Wide Fellowship, and of Masonic Lodge No. 267 of Hackensack.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Peterson, of Ridge Park, N. J.; two grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. James A. Van Valen, of Hackensack.

Fight Waged To Save Steeds P.O. And Route

Patrons Ignored; No Economy Seen In Federal Move

BLUE CLAN

The annual Blue Clan reunion will be held Sunday at Lakeview, in the pine grove between US Highway 1 and the lake near the home of Mrs. Fannie Blue Coore, according to information from H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, clan president.

Dinner will be spread picnic style, at 1 o'clock. An invitation is extended all the Blues, kinsmen and friends to attend and bring along a well-filled basket for the picnic dinner.

Central Carolina Starts New Era Under New Name

Central Carolina Telephone Co. this week announced a change of ownership, also a change of name.

To be known henceforth as United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., it starts life anew as a unit of United Utilities, Inc., third largest independent telephone holding company in the nation, fourth largest of them all.

The change will make no difference in the local staff, set-up or expansion program, said John E. Cline, vice-president of the Carolinas concern, which serves 27 communities in North and South Carolina with headquarters in Southern Pines. He expressed his gratification in the change, saying, "It will be a fine thing for our company and the communities it serves." United Utilities is a \$62 million concern, about four times as large as the former holding company, Southern Investors Co. of Chicago.

The deal by which United Utilities took over 66.69 per cent of Investors' common stock, setting up a new holding company with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., actually took place last April, said Mr. Cline. A merger of the separate units is now under way. As far as the local firm is concerned, it became official last Thursday when the State Utilities Commission approved the change of name and financing plan.

First mortgage bonds in the amount of \$1,400,000, bearing four per cent interest, will be issued in the name of the Carolinas unit, to be sold to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Mutual Insurance Co. of New York. The proceeds will go to satisfy some of its obligations to Investors Tele-

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The 55-year-old post office at Steeds has been wiped out by order of the Post Office Department, despite bitter protests by its patrons, who are continuing their desperate battle.

Since June 1 the Steeds patrons have been served out of Ether. The arrival of a postal inspector this week encouraged them to feel that Washington had at last heard their outcries, and that some compromise might yet be worked out.

So far their appeals for a public hearing have been entirely ignored. Letters, telegrams and a petition signed by 100 per cent of the families affected have evoked no reply from Postmaster General Summerfield. Names on the petition represented 325 families, or approximately 1,200 persons.

The change was billed as an economy move of the Republican administration. However, the patrons say no economy has been effected. In this they have the support of Congressman C. B. Deane, who has worked hard at their side for retention of the post office. Deane worked just as hard, against protests as intense, to close post offices in Wilkes county and other places in his district when it meant a saving to the government.

Same Route, Carrier

Both Steeds and Ether are small communities in Randolph county, a short distance north of the Moore County line. From Steeds extended a 65-mile rural route, cutting across Moore County's northwest corner and serving some patrons in both Randolph and Montgomery. This route, extended to 70 miles, is now being worked out of Ether. Since Ether had no rural route before, and no new highway post office route is being set up, as was the case in Wilkes, they see no saving in cost. The same carrier, Farrell Auman, is carrying the mail as before.

The fight to save Steeds began early in May when the retirement of Mrs. Velon L. Auman, postmaster for the past 20 years, became imminent. Word got about that when Mrs. Auman retired May 31, no new postmaster would be appointed and the office would be moved to Ether, which none of the patrons desired.

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\$25 Reward Offered

Southern Pines' flower thief and desecrator of graves has been at work again, and this time there is a reward offered for information leading to his discovery.

Clyde Tew, 380 West Pennsylvania avenue, said this week he will give \$25 for information leading to the identification of the person who broke off and stole a pink begonia Sunday from his father's grave at Mt. Hope cemetery. This information should be given to Mr. Tew personally, or to the city police.

The large, beautiful potted plant, bearing several blooms, was Mrs. Tew's. It formerly belonged to her mother and was much cherished. Mr. Tew took it to the cemetery to adorn his father's grave for Father's Day.

He took it early in the morning, and went back for it soon after 5 o'clock.

His brother was there about 5 and told him the flower was there then, and "looked beautiful." A short time later Mr. Tew found only the pot in which it had stood, the earth, root and broken stem. The flower had been rudely torn away.

This is one of several instances of flower theft at the cemetery during the past year, though in the other cases known to The Pilot, azaleas planted there in memory of the dead, near the graves, had been dug up and removed. The graves of Mrs. P. T. Kelsey, Joe C. Thomas, Jr., and Henry and Duncan Cameron, Jr., brothers killed in service, have been so violated.

"Operation Impact"

Almost 50 more names were added, and stars distributed, this week in "Operation Impact," which is designed to slow down the summertime speeder through a pledge and five-pointed symbol.

At the VFW Post Home, Commander Louis Scheipers reported 30 names added during the week, bringing the total of signatures to 115.

At the Highland Pines Inn, where the movement sponsored by Tactical Air Command started and branched out locally, 16 names were added to the 112 already reported. Grand total of local drivers pledging their cars to safe driving through Labor Day—243.

The public is invited to drop in at either place, sign their name and secure a windshield star—"but only if they mean it," leaders at both places said. "Operation Impact" is strictly an honor system. Police approve, and say they can already tell the difference.

Jimmy Lane of the Pinehurst Lions club is presenting "Operation Impact" to the members this week, and the expectation is that this group will sponsor the movement in Pinehurst.

Commander Scheipers has appointed Tom McKenzie chairman for the VFW, and he plans to take steps to secure cooperation of other Southern Pines organizations in "Operation Impact."